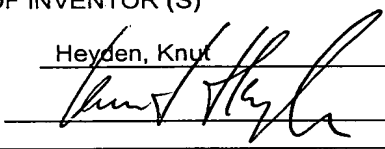
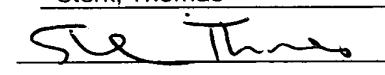




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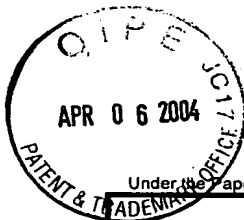
## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

<b>Title of Invention</b>	<b>SEALING PROFILE WITH INTEGRATED FOAM RUBBER STRIP</b>
<p>As the below named inventor (s), I/we declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> The attached application, or  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application No. <u>10/706,332</u> filed on <u>November 12, 2003</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> as amended on _____ (if applicable);         </p> <p>I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.</p>	

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<b>Filing Date</b>	November 12, 2003
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Heyden, Knut
<b>Title</b>	SEALING PROFILE WITH INTEGRATED FOAM RUBBER STRIP
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

## SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH		
Signature			
Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26/01/04	Telephone:	

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: November 12, 2003

Entitled: SEALING PROFILE WITH INTEGRATED FOAM RUBBER STRIP

Metzeler Automotive Profile, a Corporation  
Systems GmbH

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

X 24/01/04  
Date

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

X Andreas Engel  
Typed or printed name  
Dr. Carsten Bauer  
Signature  
Title

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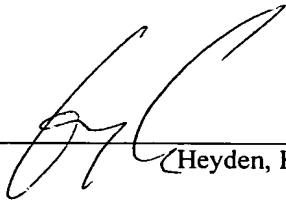
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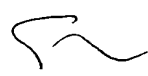
FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, We, Knut Heyden, residing at Hirschbergweg 9a, Scheidegg, Germany 88175 and Thomas Sterk, residing at Am Bach 10, Tettnang Germany 88069; HEREBY ASSIGNS all right, title, and interest worldwide in and to the invention described in the U.S. patent application entitled SEALING PROFILE WITH INTEGRATED FOAM RUBBER STRIP, and in and to said U.S. patent application and all applications that may be filed on said invention anywhere in the world, including any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof and in and to any Letters Patent, Inventors' Certificates, Design Registrations, Industrial Models, Utility Models and all other forms of protection that may be granted thereon, including the right to file applications and the right to claim priority from the U.S. application worldwide to Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH, doing business at Bregenzerstrasse 133, Lindau, Germany 88131.

We request that all Letters Patent, Inventors' Certificates, Design Registrations, Industrial Models, Utility Models and all other forms of protection on said invention be issued to the Assignee, and we agree to cooperate fully in obtaining and enforcing patent protection for said invention, including communicating any facts relating to said invention, signing lawful papers, and at the request and expense of the Assignee, testifying in legal proceedings.

We hereby authorize and request my attorney(s)/agent(s) of record Stephen B. Salai, Esq. of 1600 Bausch & Lomb Place, Rochester, New York, 14604-2711, to insert here in parentheses (Application No. 10/706,332, filed November 12, 2003) the filing date and application number of said application, when known.

Dated: 26/01/04  
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